



AUSTRIAN EMPIRE CRACKING, HUNGARY ABOUT TO BREAK, CZECHO-SLAV STATES MAY BE LIBERATED

British Forces Advance Within Two Miles of Le Cateau

CLOSE CITY AT 12 TONIGHT TO AVOID PLAGUE

Freyermuth Issues Order For-
bidding All Public Gath-
erings Here Until Fur-
ther Notice.

According to public opinion and to the wishes of the state board of health, Dr. Emil G. Freyermuth, head of the city health department, at noon Thursday ordered all churches, schools, theaters and other public places of amusement closed, and prohibited public gatherings of any nature, including club meetings, lodge gatherings, public dances or any other meetings of a public nature after midnight Thursday.

This means that the schools of the city, either public, private or parochial, will not open Friday morning, and that after the theaters of the city close for their Thursday night performances, they will not be allowed to reopen until the orders of the health board head are rescinded. The following is Dr. Freyermuth's proclamation issued Thursday noon, and which becomes effective at midnight Thursday:

"Proclamation.
"Office of the Board of Health,
"Oct. 10, 1918.
"In compliance with the wishes of the state board of health and in obedience to public sentiment, all schools, public, private and parochial; churches, theaters, moving picture shows and other public places of amusement; club meetings, lodges, dance halls and all other gatherings are hereby ordered closed from midnight, Oct. 10, 1918, until further notice. Public meetings of any kind are also prohibited during this time. This order is issued on account of the public fear of an epidemic outbreak of influenza in this city.

"It is to be emphatically understood that there is no epidemic of this disease at the present time and that this order is made merely as a precautionary measure.
"E. G. FREYERMUTH, M. D.,
"Secretary Board of Health."

No Epidemic Here.
Dr. Freyermuth issued the closing proclamation reluctantly. He declared that South Bend is not in the midst of an epidemic of influenza, but that it appears to be the desire of the board of health of the state and of public opinion in South Bend that all public places in the city be closed.

The health board secretary said that there are less than 100 cases of the Spanish influenza that have been reported to the health department so far, and he insisted that the situation is still well in hand in South Bend.

Dr. Freyermuth visited the city schools Thursday morning and reported that there are comparatively few cases of the influenza among the students. He declared that he found only one teacher among those in the schools who advocated the necessity of a closing order.

Telephone Reports Erroneous.
"The health secretary said that he had been almost swamped with reports over the telephone of cases of influenza, but that when he had investigated these reports he found them to be erroneous in the main.

Dr. Freyermuth declared Thursday that his proclamation must be taken literally and that public gatherings means all public gatherings, and that they will be strictly prohibited. He said also that pool rooms and billiard halls come under the ban, and that persons will not be allowed to loiter around stores or other places where the general public is in the habit of frequenting.

According to the health secretary about the only things in South Bend that do not come under his closing proclamation are the street cars and restaurants and other eating places. The closing proclamation will remain in effect until the health board secretary issues another order countermanning the one issued at

YANKEES BATTER HUN RESISTANCE, CAPTURING HILL

Huns Chased Down Slope by Rush of American Infantry and
Retreat on Run—Fog Evacuates Argonne Forest to
Make Stand in Vicinity of Grand Pre.

BY NEWTON C. PARKE.
International News Service:
WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY NORTHWEST OF VERDUN (11:30 p. m.), Oct. 9.—Smashing all German resistance north of Fleville, American troops took the ridges and formidable hill No. 269 at 10 o'clock this morning after three hours desperate fighting.
The Germans were chased down the northern slope of the hill by the rush of the American infantry before noon. The retreat of the enemy was headlong and on a run.
After taking the ridges and hill the Americans continued to press forward on the Somme-Romagne road.
Progress was still being made this evening in this sector while at the same time the Americans were advancing westward in their blows to close completely the Argonne salient.

HUNS QUIT ARGONNE FOR GRAND PRE

BY HENRY G. WALES.
International News Service:
WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY ON THE CHAMPAGNE FRONT (9:30 a. m.), Oct. 10.—Following the smashing of the Kriemhilde line by American forces on the Champagne-Meuse front, the Germans have been forced to evacuate the Argonne forest and it was reported today that they would attempt to make a stand just south of Grand Pre.

The German left flank south of Grand Pre is already menaced by the Americans' advance on the Somme-Romagne road.
A new attack was delivered this morning against the Kriemhilde system of defenses, the Americans attacking through a thick fog.
ARTILLERY BATTERS POSITIONS.
The attack centered on the Mameille sector of the Kriemhilde line followed 19 hours of intensive artillery battering.

The Mameille section of the defense system rested on the crest of a hill and was strongly defended with barbed wire entanglements. So violent was the American bombardment that the defenders were completely demoralized. They attempted to establish an outpost in front of the American lines but were driven off.

The whole of the Kriemhilde positions were penetrated, thanks to the efficient work of the American artillery in battering down the entanglements and redoubts. There is no other German line of defense for many miles in the rear of this system.

One captain who took part in the fighting today southeast of Romagne reported that the Americans "had taken a hell of a lot of prisoners."

MACHINE GUNNERS HOLD UP ADVANCE.
Along the Romagne-Cunel road the German machine gun nests were numerous and the gunners put up stiff resistance. They succeeded in holding up our advance for a while.

The line now runs in a southeasterly direction from Romagne and south of Cunel.

The battle was still continuing last night and the sky was lighted up for miles by the flashes of the artillery.
At last reports the Americans were still making progress through the breach in the Kriemhilde line up the Lanton valley. The weather was clear.

YANKS PRESS FORWARD THREE MILES

BY NEWTON C. PARKE.
International News Service:
WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY NORTHWEST OF VERDUN (night), Oct. 9.—American patrols are approaching Sipy-sur-Meuse, nearly three miles in advance of the positions they captured on Tuesday.
The Germans counter attacked with great violence northwest of Consenvoye, using Austrians, who were brought up to reinforce the lines. The French attempted to "pinch off" the American positions north of Consenvoye. Fresh American troops were thrown across the Meuse river and not only were the counter blows shattered, but the Americans made further progress from their old positions.

One whole Austro-German line of defense in the marshland north of Consenvoye was taken.

COST GERMAN THEIR ARTILLERY.
The American advance westward from Fleville in conjunction with the French advance eastward has cost the Germans practically all of their artillery from the Argonne forest.

Strong machine gun detachments were left behind, which have been resisting the American advance with great stubbornness.

More than 200 prisoners were captured there in 48 hours, all of them being machine gunners.

South of Sipy the Americans broke up strong German machine gun resistance during the afternoon.
The enemy had barricaded the outskirts of the town, but late in the afternoon the Americans broke through this resistance and hard fighting was reported there tonight.

PUT UP DESPERATE RESISTANCE.
The Germans put up desperate resistance west of Romagne also, being favored there by high ground.

Heavy counter attacks were launched in this district and the American lines were forced back slightly, but after the attacks were repulsed, the Germans were again driven rearward.

OVER 200 AIRPLANES
BOMB BOCHE CAMPS

International News Service:
WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY NORTHWEST OF VERDUN (noon), Oct. 10.—More than two hundred allied aeroplanes, including many Americans, took part in a great raid over the German lines last night. One hundred of the allied machines were fighting types. The allied aviators dropped 32 tons of bombs on boche camps. They also shot down 12 German machines that attacked them. One allied machine was lost.

BUY BONDS TO HONOR FIGHTERS MADDOO'S PLEA

Liberty Loan Laggards Urged
to Hasten Subscriptions
As Evidence of Thanks
to Victorious Yanks.

International News Service:
WASHINGTON, Oct. 10.—An appeal for the doubling of all subscriptions to the Liberty loan and to the laggards to apply for their bonds at once in honor of the wonderful victories of the British-American-French fighting force on the western front was made by Sec'y of the Treasury McAdoo today.

The loan generally is not making the progress that had been hoped for, due chiefly to slowing up because of the spread of the epidemic of Spanish influenza throughout the country. War exhibit trains have been held; units of the Great Lakes band are idle and public meetings and parades have had to be barred on account of the disease. However, officials are trying to find a way out and are hopeful.

HAWAII OVER TOP.
Hawaii sent word today that it had followed the example of Alaska and sent its quota "over the top."

In his appeal for quick action, Sec'y McAdoo said:
"The brilliant victories of our British-American-French forces yesterday should impel every patriotic American immediately to double his subscription in Liberty bonds. That is the way to pull the fourth loan over quickly, and that is the best way to strengthen the fighting power of these brave men who are moving with such irresistible dash and success against the Huns. Let everyone double his subscription today and let every one who has not subscribed make his subscription today. Don't put it off. Let our boys and our comrades in the battle line know that we are fighting with the same enthusiasm and determination here as they are over there, and more than all, that we appreciate as well as glory in what they are doing, not by words but by deeds."

CINCINNATI REPORTED \$30,000,000 OF its quota of \$40,000,000 subscribed. Over-subscriptions from these Ohio cities were reported: Zanesville, Wapakoneta, Fort Clinton and Marion. The Cleveland district has now exceeded \$180,000,000.

Oregon reported bank returns show 70 percent of the state's quota attained; southern California, 38; northern California, 33, and Nevada, 32.

Peace talk is hurting the loan in the southern St. Louis district. Southern Illinois made a gain of six percent yesterday.

DOUGHBOYS CHUCKLING OVER ESCAPING BOCHE

International News Service:
WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY NORTHWEST OF VERDUN (delayed), Oct. 9.—More than a hundred of the doughboys who were rescued after being isolated five days in the Argonne forest mingled with their comrades today laughing and joking about their experience.

"We never thought that oak leaves would take the place of beefsteak," said Percy Wolsen and Charles Faycoar, two Rhode Island troops who were visibly tickled because they escaped the clutches of the boche.

Another member of the surrounded detachment, John Collins of Brookline, Mass., said:
"All I need is a hot bath and plenty of sleep and I will be ready for the boche again."

ITALIANS INTENSIFY SPIRIT OF RESISTANCE

International News Service:
ROME, Oct. 10.—"There is only one answer to make to the false peace offers of the central powers," members of the defence committee of parliament resolved today. "We will intensify the spirit of our resistance which has brought us safety and which will give us victory."

Kaiser's Abdication is Again Rumored; Peace Party Gains

Behind Frontiers
of Central Powers

Persistent rumors are reaching Stockholm that the Kaiser has abdicated.
Serious disturbances are reported in Berlin and other German cities.
A Copenhagen dispatch declares that absolute political confusion prevails in Austria.
German newspapers no longer conceal the fact that Austria-Hungary is breaking up.

The Vienna correspondent of the Berliner Tageblatt states that manifestoes probably will be issued soon proclaiming Croatia, Slavonia, Bosnia, Herzegovina and Dalmatia as independent of the Austro-Hungarian government.

An Exchange Telegraph dispatch declares that a ministerial council in Vienna has decided to introduce national autonomy for Austro-Hungary in order to make Pres't Wilson's stipulation for the liberation of nationalities an accomplished fact.

Another dispatch declares that a congress of German associations recently was held in Austria and adopted a resolution favoring the creation of a German state in Austria.

A union of all Polish territories is soon to be proclaimed at Warsaw.

NEW GASOLINE PLAN

Fuel Administration Considers
Substitute Arrangement.

International News Service:
WASHINGTON, Oct. 10.—Fuel administration officials were working today upon a plan that may bring about a substitute for "gasless Sundays." A series of conferences during the past few days has convinced them that a plan may be adopted that will permit Sunday motoring and at the same time result in a saving of gasoline not less effective than under the present arrangement.

Just what scheme these officials had in mind was not disclosed. They emphasized, however, that it did not involve the placing of motorists under "rationing."

It was indicated that the new arrangement might be put into effect before the end of the month.

OFFICERS BURNED

Two Killed, Six Hurt in Base
Hospital Fire.

International News Service:
RAHWAY, N. J., Oct. 10.—Two officers were burned to death, four others severely burned and six badly cut and burned early today when fire destroyed the officers' quarters of base hospital No. 5, at Colonia, three miles from here.

The dead: Capt. Warren T. Walker of the medical corps, Syracuse, N. Y.

Capt. Fred Toole of the quartermasters' department, Portsmouth, N. H.

The severely burned are: Lieuts. Walsh, Kink, Frazer and Schlimgerson.
Lieuts. Spiegel and Schamanski were badly cut and burned.
The loss by fire is estimated at \$10,000.

PEN MAKING CURTAILED

International News Service:
WASHINGTON, Oct. 10.—To conserve steel and brass the war industries board has directed that the manufacture of brass and nickel plated pens shall be discontinued.

Advance Beyond Cambrai Goes on Rapidly Today

British Also Gain Two Miles
East of Lens, Taking
Two Villages.

International News Service:
LONDON (11:55 a. m.), Oct. 10.—British troops that drove through Cambrai yesterday have reached a point within two miles of the German stronghold of Le Cateau, the war office announced today.
(Le Cateau is about 14 miles southeast of Cambrai.)
The advance was continued Wednesday night along the Cambrai-St. Quentin front and the Cambrai-Le Cateau road was crossed.
The British have advanced nearly two miles east of Le Cateau by the present battle line. The Germans are wretchedly firing villages and everything that they cannot carry off and it is strongly indicated that another big retreat has begun.

British cavalry is reported to have reached the outskirts of Busigny, an important town on the Bohain-Le Cateau road.
It is believed that the Germans have entered the first stage of a new retirement to a hurriedly prepared new line between Le Cateau and Vaux Auligny.

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Official Statement.
The text of the war office report follows:
"During the evening the advance continued. Early in the night advanced detachments established positions across the Cambrai-Le Cateau road within two miles of Le Cateau. In fighting south of the main road to Caudry and also east of Cambrai we made further progress.

"Between the Scarpe river and Lens we are in touch with the enemy on a general line through the zones of Vitry-et-Artois, Ezel Les Esquichin and Rouvry.

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HIGH SPOTS IN TODAY'S NEWS OF THE WORLD WAR

International News Service:
WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY NORTHWEST OF VERDUN, Oct. 10.—(Noon)—A line, between three and four miles north of the battle front west of the Meuse river, is in flames today.

The Germans evidently set fire to the town preparatory to another retirement.

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GERMANS FIRE VILLAGES IN THEIR FLIGHT

Flames Reported Far East of
La Cateau Indicate An-
other Big Retirement
is in Progress.

BY JOHN T. PARKERSON.

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY ON THE CAMBRAI-ST. QUENTIN FRONT (night), Oct. 9.—Fires were reported far east of La Cateau by day, more than 10 miles eastward of the present battle line. The Germans are wretchedly firing villages and everything that they cannot carry off and it is strongly indicated that another big retreat has begun.

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ADVANCE IN COLUMNS
OF FOUR IN BERTHY.

So slight was the resistance in the Bertly district that the British advanced in columns of four.

Nine villages fell into the hands of the British on their dash past Cambrai. After taking Maretz, Mauries and Honnechy they pushed on beyond Wambain, Haucourt, Cerignay, Caillay, Ligny and Montigny.

After occupying these villages the British pushed on toward Caudry. American forces are advancing with the British.

The Cambrai-Le Cateau road has been crossed and the Escaut canal was forced at Ramillies. Other British troops are across the Cambrai-Valenciennes road.

CAVALRY PUSHES ON.
REPORTS FIRES.

Cavalry has reached the St. Quentin-Bertly highway, threatening a Hohencourt and Fontaine No. 9 Dame.

British troops that entered Cambrai found the city little damaged. Cavalry pushed on ahead and reported fires and explosions in the areas about Caudry, Ligny, Le Cateau, St. Remin, St. Sulpice, Vaux Auligny, Bohain and Bertly.

The Germans apparently have been thrown into confusion by the rapidity of the British advance.

AIRMEN PLAY BIG
PART IN ADVANCE.

British airmen again played important parts in the advance of the British, French and Americans today all the way from north of Cambrai to south of St. Quentin. The weather cleared soon after the attack was renewed this morning and the aviators immediately began assisting the advancing troops.

The sky was dotted with the British machines in a few minutes. Many thrilling battles took place over the lines but the British airmen had little difficulty in establishing their mastery. They shot down many enemy machines and put all the rest to rout. After they had cleared the air the British aviators started attacking the German infantry. Flying low, they machine-gunned troops and transports and bombed machine gun nests. They were of great assistance in clearing outposts that gave the British infantrymen trouble.

SCORES OF CIVILIANS
ARE LIBERATED.

Scores of French civilians, old men, women and children were liberated by the British and American troops today. In the village of Mont-Brehain alone there were a great many French civilians. They had hidden in cellars for three days while the battle raged back and forth above them.

Mont-Brehain had changed hands three times in the past few days and all that time the village had been under constant shell fire.

The population greeted the Amer-